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Subject: HIA Recommendations Section

Hi Alan,

As we review input from various stakeholders and write up the recommendations stemming from this HIA process, we wanted to check back with you and make sure we're including any US EPA recommendations or proposed actions. Right now, in our section on actions outside of the permit decision (so policy and process change) we have broken down all the input we received into 3 broad categories:

- **Increase monitoring, enforcement and environmental protections for the Southeast Side.**
- **Embed cumulative impact principles in zoning, permitting, and enforcement and engage the community in decision-making.**
- **Expand and enhance use of health and racial equity impact assessments to inform decision-making.**

I looked to the air study to see if there were any named recommendations or actions for US EPA, and so far I've included this under the first bullet point:

Monitoring requirements and targeted enforcement by CDPH, IEPA and US EPA have already led to several Southeast Side facilities making improvements or ceasing operations entirely. The agencies will continue to collaborate on enforcement efforts at problem facilities on the Southeast Side and throughout the city to ensure they are in compliance and to protect the community from adverse impacts.

Is this ok with you? Also, is there anything else to include for US EPA, particularly under bullet point 2 as EJ and cumulative impacts are being discussed at the federal level?

Thanks!
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